

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION) CASE NO. PAC-E-21-21
OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER’S)
ANNUAL TRANSMISSION REPORT AND) NOTICE OF APPLICATION
AUTHORITY TO TERMINATE FUTURE)
REPORTS) NOTICE OF
) MODIFIED PROCEDURE
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) ORDER NO. 35258
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On November 23, 2021, PacifiCorp, d/b/a Rocky Mountain Power (“Company”) applied with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) for authority to terminate the annual reporting requirement implemented in Commission Order No. 33313. The Company requests that its Application be processed by Modified Procedure.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company is an Oregon corporation providing electric service to retail customers in the states of Idaho, Utah, and Wyoming which does business as Rocky Mountain Power. *Application* at 1.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that on December 19, 2014, the Company and Idaho Power Company (“the Parties”) jointly filed an application with the Commission pursuant to *Idaho Code* § 61-328 and Commission Rule of Procedure 52, IDAPA 31.01.01.052, requesting an order approving the exchange of certain transmission assets. *Id.* at 2.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Parties own and operate the Jim Bridger Power Plant and associated transmission assets (“Bridger”). On October 24, 2014, the Parties entered into a Joint Purchase and Sale Agreement and a Joint Ownership and Operating Agreement to reallocate their respective ownership interests to better meet their load service obligations and improve operational efficiency. *Id.* On June 5, 2015, the Commission issued Order No. 33133 which: (1) approved the Parties’ application finding that the exchange of transmission facilities (“Transmission Facilities”) satisfied the requirements of *Idaho Code* § 61-328; (2) required that the financial benefits from the exchange be returned to customers; and (3) required the Company to file an annual report with the Commission documenting changes to the Company’s wheeling expenses associated with Idaho Power Company (“Idaho Power”). *See* Case No. PAC-E-14-11; Order No. 33313 at p. 14.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the financial benefits from the Transmission Facilities exchanged flow back to the Company’s customers through the energy cost adjustment mechanism where actual transmission wheeling expenses are compared to the normalized levels in base rates. *Application*, at 3.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that in compliance with Order 33313, the Company reports that transmission wheeling expense paid to Idaho Power from October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021, was \$16.3 million representing a \$0.2 million increase compared to the prior reporting period. *Id.* at 3.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company states that Order No. 33313 recognized that the annual transmission report was transaction specific and would not be required indefinitely. *Id.* (citing Order No. 33313 at 14). The Company noted that the Commission stated that once the change in transmission revenues and wheeling expenses were reflected in base rates, the Parties could request to discontinue filing the annual reports required by Order No. 33313. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that on May 27, 2021, the Company filed a general rate case with the Commission requesting authority to increase base rates in Idaho.¹ *Id.* at 4. On October 25, 2021, the parties in the case filed a settlement stipulation with the Commission resolving all issues in the rate case with new rates proposed to be effective January 1, 2022, subject to Commission approval. *Id.* If approved, the Company asserts that the financial benefits from the Transmission Facilities exchange will be included in base rates, eliminating the need for continued tracking and reporting of wheeling expenses to the Commission. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company requests an order from the Commission acknowledging that the Company has complied with Order No. 33313 and authorizing the Company to stop filing annual transmission wheeling reports associated with the Idaho Power transmission asset change. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and Exhibits are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission’s office. The Application is also available on the Commission’s website at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the “ELECTRIC” tab at the top of the home page, then select “Open Cases” and then locate and click on the case number as shown on the front of this document.

¹ See Case No. PAC-E-21-07.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code. The Commission may enter any final order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter and will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .204. The Commission notes that Modified Procedure and written comments have proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that anyone desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment explaining why the person supports or opposes the Application **by January 18, 2022**. Persons who would like a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Comments must be filed through the Commission website or by email unless computer access is unavailable. To comment electronically, please access the Commission's home page at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click the "Consumer" tab on the Commission's webpage and then "Case Comment Form" and complete the form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. To file by email, the customer must email the comments to the email addresses listed below. If computer access is unavailable, then comments may be mailed to the Commission and Company at these addresses:

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company must file any reply comments **by January 25, 2022.**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Company's Application be processed by Modified Procedure, Rule 201-204 (IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204). Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so by January 18, 2022. The Company must file any reply comments by January 25, 2022.

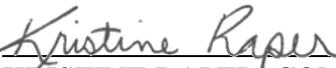
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Parties should continue to comply with Order No. 35058, issued June 3, 2021. All pleadings should be filed with the Commission electronically and shall be deemed timely filed when received by the Commission Secretary. *See* Rule 14.02. Service between the Parties should also be accomplished electronically. Voluminous discovery-related documents may be filed and served on CD-ROM or a USB flash drive.

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DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 16th day
of December 2021.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

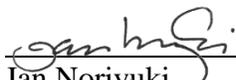


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